

DOVE HUNTING

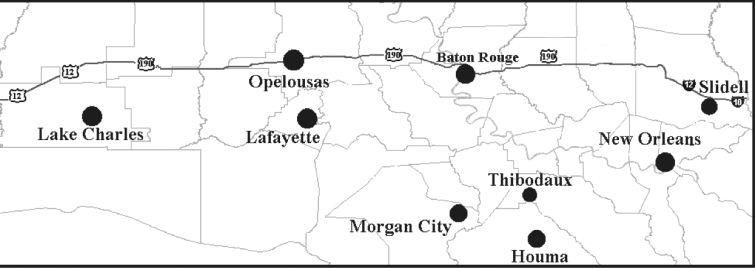
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

**Mourning and White-winged Doves:** Daily aggregate bag 15, aggregate bag possession limit 30 of mourning doves and white-winged doves.

**Eurasian-collared and Ringed-turtle doves:** May only be hunted or taken during the open mourning dove season. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared doves or ringed turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle-doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the daily bag limit for mourning doves. The bag limit for mourning doves, white-winged doves and fully dressed Eurasian collared and ringed turtle-doves is 15 in the aggregate.

HUNTING ZONES

The state shall be divided into **North and South Dove Hunting Zones** by the following boundary: Beginning at the Texas-Louisiana border on LA 12; thence east along LA 12 to its intersection with US 190; thence east along US 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10, thence east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.



WATERFOWL HUNTING



WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES

The state shall be divided into **East and West Hunting Zones** by the following boundary: Beginning at the Arkansas-Louisiana border on LA 3; thence south along LA 3 to Bossier City; thence east along I-20 to Minden; thence south along LA 7 to Ringgold; thence east along LA 4 to Jonesboro; thence south along US 167 to Lafayette; thence southeast along US 90 to the Mississippi state line.

DUCKS AND COOTS

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Waterfowl hunters age 15 and younger, when accompanied by an adult (age 18 and older), may take ducks, geese, mergansers, coots and gallinules on these days. Bag limits are the same as regular duck season. The adult may not hunt ducks on these days.

DAILY BAG LIMITS

The daily bag limit for ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 pintail, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 1 mottled duck, 2 scaup, 1 canvasback and 2 redheads. The daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Merganser daily bag limit

The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5; only 2 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

POSSESSION LIMIT

The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

GEESE

WHITE-FRONTED GESE (SPECKLEBELLY)

**Daily Bag Limits:** During the open Canada goose season, the daily bag limit for dark geese (white-fronted and Canada) is 2, with no more than 1 Canada goose.

CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GESE

**West Zone:** Dec. 7-18 and Feb. 6 - March 14.

**East Zone:** Dec. 7-18 and Feb. 1 - March 14.

Only snow, blue and Ross’ geese may be taken under the terms of the conservation order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. Shooting hours begins one-half before sunrise and extends until one-half hour after sunset.

CANADA GOOSE SEASON - \$5 Permit no longer required

The Canada goose season will be open statewide **EXCEPT** for a portion of southwest Louisiana.

**Closed in the following area:** Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy. 82, then south along LA Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy. 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from the Hwy. 14 bridge southward will also be closed to Canada goose hunting.

**Daily Bag Limits:** During the open Canada goose season, the daily bag limit for dark geese (white-fronted and Canada) is 2, with no more than 1 Canada goose.

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS

Self-clearing permits are not required for migratory bird hunting on the following WMAs: Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken and Wisner.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE-The material below is only a summary; each hunter should also consult the actual federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

NON-TOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS (STATEWIDE)

No person shall take migratory waterfowl while possessing shot other than steel shot or approved substitute. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots. Steel shot or approved substitute is required statewide for taking these species.

RESTRICTIONS

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel guns, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

- with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- from or with the aid of a car or other motor driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. Paraplegic means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body, which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- from or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress there from has ceased.
- by the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- by driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunter.
- by the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement or on or over any baited area). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON

No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS

No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one’s car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE

All migratory birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. **The hunter’s signature.**
2. **The hunter’s address.**
3. **The total number of birds involved, by species.**
4. **The dates such birds were killed.**

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being

transported from the field to one’s home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:

1. the name and address of the person sending the birds
2. the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent
3. the number of birds, by species, contained in the package

IMPORTATION

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one’s home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20:63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP)

Federal law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and over must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or duck stamp, signed in ink across the face. Hunters under 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl.

DUAL VIOLATION

Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

REFERENCE

Federal Regulations related to Migratory Game Birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services’ Special Agents:

**Slidell (985) 882-3756**

**Lafayette (337) 291-3114**

**Monroe (318) 325-1735**

The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect along with all applicable statutory laws.

HUNTER ETHICS AND SAFETY

- Respect your fellow hunter - don’t crowd in and do obey the game laws.
- Shoot in range and use a retriever to reduce crippling losses.
- Share your outdoor experiences - take a youth hunting.
- For your safety and that of your friends, always be alert to natural and man-made hazards.
- Handle guns carefully. Remember, large shotshell pellets carry long distances. Be sure your field of fire is clear of other hunters, dwellings or domestic animals.

REPORT BIRD BANDS

**Call toll free 800-327-BAND (2263)**, 24 hours a day, to report migratory bird leg bands. The operator will need to know the band number and how, when and where it was recovered. You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation with information about the bird. The band is yours to keep. You can also report bands online at [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov) or by writing to Bird Banding Lab, 12100 Beech Forest Road, Laurel, MD 20708



2009-2010 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS HUNTING SEASONS

SEASON	DATES		DAILY BAG LIMIT		POSSESSION LIMIT	
Rails	Sept. 12-27 Nov. 14 - Jan. 6		King and Clapper	Sora and Virginia	King and Clapper	Sora and Virginia
			15 in the aggregate	25 in the aggregate	30 in the aggregate	25 in the aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. 12-27 Nov. 14 - Jan. 6		15		30	
Snipe	Nov. 7 - Dec. 11 Dec. 19 - Feb. 28		8		16	
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31		3		6	
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon only)	Sept. 12-27		4		8	
Mourning, White-winged, fully dressed Eurasian Collared and Ringed-turtle Doves	NORTH ZONE	SOUTH ZONE	15 in the aggregate		30 in the aggregate	
	Sept. 5-20 Oct. 10 - Nov. 8 Dec. 12 - Jan. 4	Sept. 5-13 Oct. 17 - Nov. 29 Dec. 19 - Jan. 4				
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	WEST ZONE	EAST ZONE	Daily bag limit for ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 pintail, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 1 mottled duck, 2 scaup, 1 canvasback and 2 redheads. The daily bag limit on coots is 15. The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5; only 2 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks. The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.			
	Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 24	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31				
Youth Waterfowl Hunts	Nov. 7-8	Nov. 14-15	Bag limits are the same as regular duck season. See “Ducks and Coots” section for more details.			
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, Ross')	Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Feb. 5	Nov. 9 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	20		none	
White-fronted Geese (Specklebelly)			2		4	
Canada Goose	Dec. 19 - Jan. 31		1 daily in aggregate with White-fronts		2 in aggregate with White-fronts	

IMPORTANT ITEMS/CHANGES FOR 2009-2010

- Canvasback season is **OPEN** for 60 days with a daily bag limit of 1.
- Daily bag limit for scaup is 2.
- Daily bag limit for mottled ducks is 1.
- Canada goose season is 44 days, and **the special \$5 permit is no longer required.**
- During the open Canada goose season, the daily bag limit on dark geese (White-fronted and Canada geese) is 2, with no more than 1 Canada goose.

SHOOTING HOURS

- Snipe, woodcock, ducks, teal, coots, geese, rails and gallinules:** One-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset, **EXCEPT** at Spanish Lake Recreation area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the Conservation Order, end at 2 p.m.
- Mourning Doves:** One-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset, except noon to official sunset on Sept. 6.
- EXCEPTIONS:** Waterfowl hunting until 2 p.m. only on all WMAs except Biloxi, Pass-a-Loutre and Wisner, which will be the same as outside; and except Lake Boeuf, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken which will be one-half hour before sunrise until noon; and except Atchafalaya Delta which will be one-half hour before sunrise until 2 p.m. on opening weekends (Saturday and Sunday) of teal season and each split of the regular duck season and same as outside during remainder of season. Obtain separate pamphlet for wildlife management areas schedule.

All blinds and decoys must be removed within one hour after the close of shooting hours each day on all wildlife management areas. Unattended decoys will be confiscated, forfeited to, and disposed of by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET - NEW ORLEANS AREA

Central Standard Time

(Add one hour when on Daylight Savings Time)

DAY	SEPT.		OCT.		NOV.		DEC.	
	Rise/AM	Set/PM	Rise/AM	Set/PM	Rise/AM	Set/PM	Rise/AM	Set/PM
1	5:37	6:23	5:53	5:46	6:14	5:14	6:38	5:00
2	5:38	6:22	5:54	5:45	6:15	5:13	6:39	5:00
3	5:38	6:21	5:55	5:44	6:15	5:12	6:40	5:00
4	5:39	6:19	5:55	5:42	6:16	5:11	6:41	5:00
5	5:39	6:18	5:56	5:41	6:17	5:10	6:41	5:00
6	5:40	6:17	5:56	5:40	6:18	5:10	6:42	5:00
7	5:40	6:16	5:57	5:39	6:19	5:09	6:43	5:00
8	5:41	6:15	5:58	5:38	6:19	5:08	6:44	5:01
9	5:41	6:13	5:58	5:37	6:20	5:08	6:44	5:01
10	5:42	6:12	5:59	5:35	6:21	5:07	6:45	5:01
11	5:42	6:11	5:59	5:34	6:22	5:07	6:46	5:01
12	5:43	6:10	6:00	5:33	6:23	5:06	6:46	5:01
13	5:44	6:08	6:01	5:32	6:23	5:05	6:47	5:02
14	5:44	6:07	6:01	5:31	6:24	5:05	6:48	5:02
15	5:45	6:06	6:02	5:30	6:25	5:04	6:48	5:02
16	5:45	6:05	6:03	5:29	6:26	5:04	6:49	5:03
17	5:46	6:03	6:03	5:28	6:27	5:04	6:50	5:03
18	5:46	6:02	6:04	5:27	6:28	5:03	6:50	5:04
19	5:47	6:01	6:05	5:26	6:28	5:03	6:51	5:04
20	5:47	6:00	6:05	5:25	6:29	5:02	6:51	5:04
21	5:48	5:58	6:06	5:24	6:30	5:02	6:52	5:05
22	5:48	5:57	6:07	5:23	6:31	5:02	6:52	5:05
23	5:49	5:56	6:07	5:22	6:32	5:01	6:53	5:06
24	5:49	5:55	6:08	5:21	6:33	5:01	6:53	5:06
25	5:50	5:53	6:09	5:20	6:33	5:01	6:54	5:07
26	5:51	5:52	6:09	5:19	6:34	5:01	6:54	5:08
27	5:51	5:51	6:10	5:18	6:35	5:01	6:54	5:08
28	5:52	5:50	6:11	5:17	6:36	5:00	6:55	5:09
29	5:52	5:49	6:12	5:16	6:37	5:00	6:55	5:10
30	5:53	5:47	6:12	5:15	6:37	5:00	6:56	5:10
31			6:13	5:14			6:56	5:11

Day	JAN.		FEB.		MARCH		APRIL	
	Rise/AM	Set/PM	Rise/AM	Set/PM	Rise/AM	Set/PM	Rise/AM	Set/PM
1	6:56	5:12	6:51	5:37	6:27	5:59	5:50	6:19
2	6:56	5:12	6:50	5:38	6:25	6:00	5:49	6:19
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8	6:57	5:17	6:46	5:43	6:19	6:04	5:42	6:23
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28	6:53	5:34	6:28	5:59	5:55	6:16	5:21	6:35
29	6:52	5:35	6:28	5:59	5:54	6:17	5:20	6:36
30	6:52	5:36			5:53	6:18	5:19	6:37
31	6:51	5:37			5:51	6:18		

SUNRISE AND SUNSET CONVERSION TABLE

FOR OTHER AREAS

For the other areas listed, add the number of minutes shown in the monthly table below to the daily figures given in the New Orleans Area table above. This will furnish central standard time sunrise and sunset figures for any particular day in these areas.

	Alexandria		Baton Rouge		Lafayette		Lake Charles		Monroe		Shreveport	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Sept.	9	11	4	5	8	8	12	13	6	10	13	17
Oct.	11	10	5	4	7	8	13	12	9	7	16	14
Nov.	12	8	5	3	8	7	13	12	11	4	18	11
Dec.	13	7	5	3	8	7	13	12	13	2	21	10
Jan.	13	7	6	3	8	7	13	11	13	2	20	10
Feb.	10	9	4	4	8	8	12	12	9	6	16	14
March	10	11	4	5	7	8	12	13	8	9	14	16
April	8	12	3	5	8	8	12	12	6	11	11	19

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